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Attn: Iлона Martin
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RE: Dico Oil Site, EPA UAO 9-2003-14

Dear Ms. Martin:

The purpose of this letter is to address your questions regarding the status of the Dico Oil Site at 1845 East Willow Street, Signal Hill, California.

Luis Marmol, as owner of the Site property, has been performing a removal action at the Dico Oil Site in compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") Unilateral Administrative Order 9-2003-24 ("UAO"). The statutory authority to issue the UAO is found in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act 42 U.S.C. § 9601, *et seq.* ("CERCLA"). Specifically, Section 104 of CERCLA authorizes the EPA to remove or arrange for the removal of hazardous substances which have been released or are threatened to be released. Further, EPA may issue orders to potentially liable parties to perform abatement work when there is an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment because of an actual or threatened release of a hazardous substance. 42 U.S.C. § 9606(a).

Consistent with the National Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 C.F.R. § 300.415, the enclosed Dico Oil Site Action Memorandum is the decision document for the removal action at the Site. The basis for the decision that a removal action is appropriate and necessary may be found within the Administrative Record for the Dico Oil Site. A "site" which is targeted for immediate abatement of hazardous substances includes all areas where hazardous substances have come to be located. As identified within the Action Memorandum, the Dico Oil Site is located at 1845 East Willow Street in Signal Hill, Los Angeles County, California. The Dico Oil Site also includes property identified as 2700 Rose Avenue and 2623 Gardenia Avenue. The coordinates of the Site are N 33° 48' 21.7", W 118° 10' 07.1", as interpolated from the Long Beach USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle, 1981.

As a Respondent to the UAO, EPA appreciates Mr. Marmol's cooperation and responsiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thanne Cox', written in dark ink.

Thanne Cox
Assistant Regional Counsel

cc: Craig Benson
John Jaros